AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first paragraph on page 84 as follows:

It can be furthermore seen that the mixing of a lithium-nickel-manganese-cobalt composite oxide (B) with a lithium-manganese oxide (A) resulted in improved high-rate discharge performance. However, as can be seen from the results for the battery of Comparative Example 6, when a lithium-nickel-manganese-cobalt composite oxide having a small cobalt proportion was incorporated, the battery had poorer high-rate discharge characteristics not only than the batteries of Examples 9 to 16 but also than the battery of Comparative Example 5, which employed the lithium-manganese oxide (A) alone. Since the cobalt proportion in the lithium-nickel-manganese-cobalt composite oxide (B) considerably influences the high-rate discharge performance of the battery as shown above, it is important that the value of d in the general formula $Li_aMn_bNi_cCo_dO_e$ should be 0.6 or larger, preferably 0.8 or larger, and it is preferred that $\underline{0.8 \leq d \leq 1}$ [[$0.8 \leq c < 1$]].